

**Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee
Minutes of Tuesday, January 06, 2009 @ 8:00 A.M.
Lincoln County Service Center, Conference Room 158**

Members Present: Richard Berndt, David Fox, Carl Short and Richard Eisenman

Members Absent: Graham Rankin

Visitors: Bill Groth, Kevin Kleinschmidt, Jerry Zastrow, Sherrie Zortman

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Tuesday, January 06, 2009 in Conference Room 158, Lincoln County Service Center. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Vice-Chairman Carl Short. Graham Rankin was excused.

2. Approve minutes of December 10, 2008 meeting. Motion by Eisenman, second by Berndt to approve minutes of December 10, 2008 meeting as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. Review year to date budget report. The Committee reviewed year to date budget report and placed on file.

David Fox arrived at 8:02 a.m.

4. Comments from members of the public or invited guests. No comments.

(The order of items on the agenda was changed to accommodate visitors.)

7. Groomer repairs. Jerry Zastrow, Forestry Shop Foreman, appeared to explain to the Committee the repairs needed on the groomer. Jerry obtained estimates and reported that repairs are guaranteed for 12 months. Kevin recommended that the groomer be repaired adding to its value for future trade-in vs. purchasing a new groomer. Discussion followed. Motion by Fox, second by Short to repair groomer based on estimates received and inquire about possible upgrades. All ayes. Motion carried.

5. Recreation Officer review. Kevin distributed copies of letters written in support of the Recreation Officer and spoke in favor of the position. Discussion was held regarding how the position is funded without tax levy dollars, and benefits the County has received by having this position. Motion by Eisenman, second by Berndt to forward a favorable review of the Recreation Officer position to the Law Enforcement Committee. All ayes. Motion carried.

6. Lincoln County Comprehensive Plan update. Kevin informed the Committee that the Lincoln County Comprehensive Plan will need to be updated by January 1, 2010, and the Land Service Group and other County departments will be addressing issues to make the updates. Discussion followed.

8. Policy for utilizing non-merchantable tops. Kevin explained that a policy to sell non-merchantable tops for \$2.00/ton on a 1 year trial basis is up for review. Discussion followed. Motion by Short, second by Eisenman to approve current policy that authorizes the Forest Administrator to sell non-merchantable tops for \$2.00/ton. All ayes. Motion carried

9. WDNR Report – Bill Groth. Bill Groth, Forestry Liaison, asked to be put on record in support of the Recreation Officer position.

10. Review Administrator's written report. Kevin distributed minutes from the WCFA Board of Directors meeting. 2009 snowmobile maps were made available to the Committee. Discussion was held regarding ATV trail development. The Administrator's written report was reviewed and placed on file.

11. Close timber sales.

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| T007-08 | Futurewood Corporation | Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit |
| T033-07 | Rick Graap | Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit |

Motion by Short, second by Berndt to close sales per Kevin's recommendation. All ayes. Motion carried.

12. Set next meeting dates. The next Forestry, Land and Parks Committee meeting dates are set as follows:

Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. in Conference Room 158

Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. in Conference Room 158

13. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Eisenman, second by Berndt to adjourn meeting at 9:50 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.